

treatment to be tested and analyzing the (anti-)atherosclerotic effect, if any, on the blood vessel restricted by the vessel-restricting device. The method may be used for screening potentially useful substances, diets or treatments.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the attached marked-up pages. A clean copy of the amended claims is also enclosed.

REMARKS

The above amendments were made to remove multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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